

# ENERGY STAR® Fast Facts



The Symbol for Energy Efficiency

## Fast Facts about ENERGY STAR Qualified Central Air Conditioners and Air-Source Heat Pumps

- About one-half of all energy used by households goes to heat and cool the home.
- Burning fossil fuels to heat and cool homes contributes to a host of air pollution problems such as smog, acid rain, and global warming.
- By increasing the efficiency of new air-source heat pumps and central air conditioning units installed in homes, the nation's energy use and pollution can be dramatically reduced, construction of new power plants can be limited, and consumers can save money on monthly utility bills.
- The ENERGY STAR label designates air-source heat pumps and central air conditioners that are at least 20 percent more efficient than standard equipment.
- The ENERGY STAR qualifying specification for central air conditioners is 12 SEER or higher.
- The ENERGY STAR qualifying specification for air-source heat pumps is 12 SEER/ 7.6 HSPF or higher.
- Special financing may be available for ENERGY STAR labeled central air conditioners and air-sources heat pumps. Call the ENERGY STAR Hotline toll-free for more information at 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).